(iii) As per the marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) for LPG distributors, in case of establishment of any diversion/black marketing of domestic LPG cylinder for commercial purposes, the following action is taken against the distributor:-

(a) Fine of Rs. 20,000 plus the price of LPG diverted at commercial rates for 1st offence.

(b) Fine of Rs. 50,000 plus the price of LPG diverted at commercial rates for 2nd offence, and

(c) Termination of the distributorship for 3rd offence.

(iv) The officials of OMCs carry out random checks at distributor's godown, delivery point as well as enroute to ensure that no diverson/black marketing takes place. Action against the erring distributor is taken in terms of MDG/Distributorship Agreement.

(c) During the last three years, the number of LPG distributors penalized for diversion of domestic cylinders for commercial purposes under MDG are as under:—

Year	Number of LPG distributors	Number of diverted cylinders
2002-03	7	2728
2003-04	13	835
2004-05	508	34,931
April-October 2005	271	53,687

Oil Reserves in North-Eastern Region

t3006. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that huge natural reserves of oil and gas are available in some States of North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government are considering to establish a series of gas based power stations in North-Eastern Region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The States of the North-Eastern Region, falling in the Assam-Arakan fold belt and the Upper Assam basin, have prognosticated hydrocarbon resources of the order of 5 billion tonnes. Out of these, 1.7 billion tonnes of in-place oil and gas reserves have been established by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), Oil India Ltd. (OIL) and Private Joint Venture companies. The State-wise break-up of in-place reserves in the North-East is given below:—

	Oil(MMT)	Gas(BCM)	O+OEG MMTOE
Arunachal Pradesh	23.95	5.72	29.67
Assam	1224.21	369.50	1593.71
Nagaland	15.03	2.02	17.05
Tripura	—	53.28	53.28

(c) and (d) In order to monetize locked up assets in isolated gas pools in Tripura State, a Combined Cycle Gas-based Thermal Power plant at Pallatana, in South Tripura District is envisaged to be set up, for which a Special purpose Vehicle, the "Tripura Power Development Company Pvt. Ltd." (TPDC) was constituted by ONGC, the Government of Tripura and M/s Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd. (IL&FS) with equity participation of 26%, 24% and 50% respectively. The TPDC has now been recharistened as the "ONGC-Tripura Power Development Company Pvt. Ltd." (OTPCL). Information in respect of other Projects in the North-Eastern Region is being collected.

ONGC and OTPCL have signed a Fuel Supply Contract for the supply of natural gas for the proposed power plant. A technical consultant has been engaged for the preparation of the Detailed Feasibility Report.